

A circular black and white stamp. The text "OIP" is at the top, "PATENT &amp; TRADEMARK OFFICE" is at the bottom, and "AUG 30 2004" is in the center. The number "JC189" is written in the top right corner of the stamp.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
July 26, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of July 26, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.